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MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. International Publication No. 02/067357, published August 29, 2002, which corresponds to United States Patent Application No. 7,157,788, published January 2, 2007.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-118974, published June 6, 1986, previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed August 9, 2007.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-203612, published July 19, 2002, previously submitted an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 7, 2006.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the references listed as previously submitted.

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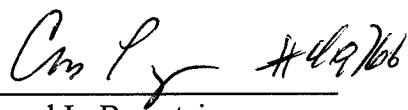
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Chinese Office Action dated April 25, 2008, and an English translation which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Applicant also notes that WO 02/67357 corresponds to US 7,157,788.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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